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SUBJ: KOREA AT 30TH UNGA: LOBBYING FOR FRIENDLY POSITION

REF: NASSAU 1738 AND PREVIOUS

1. KOREAN AMBASSADOR TO U.S. HAHM PYONG-CHOON, SAW MINEXTAFF ADDERLEY THIS MORNING FOR 25-MINUTE SESSION WHICH ADDERLEY RELUCTANTLY GRANTED DESPITE FACT THAT HE WAS DUE IN BAHAMIAN SENATE FOR A VOTE ON NEW IMMIGRATION LAW. ACCORDING TO HAHM, ADDERLEY REPEATED THAT GCOB WILL OPPOSE PRIORITY FOR HOSTILE RESOLUTION AND WILL VOTE FOR FRIENDLY RESOLUTION. AT SAME TIME, HE STILL REMAINS UNDECIDED ON WHETHER TO ABSTAIN OR VOTE AGAINST HOSTILE RESOLUTION.

2. HAHM FOUND ADDERLEY TO BE WELL VERSED ON THE SUBJECT APPARENTLY HAVING READ AND BEEN BRIEFED ON MATERIALS LEFT AT MINEXTAFF BY FIRST SECRETARY PARK YESTERDAY. IN HAHM'S OPINION, ADDERLEY'S PRINCIPAL CONSIDERATION IN MAKING DECISION ON HOSTILE RES VOTE IS TO MAKE SURE THAT GCOB DOES NOT "STICK ITS NECK OUT THUS CAUSING TI TO LOSE FACE IN EYES OF NON-CONFIDENTIAL

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ALIGNED WORLD." ALTHOUGH ADDERLEY'S INITIAL RESPONSE APPEARED

TO FAVOR ABSTENTION ON THIS ISSUE, HAHM'S STRONG PITCH APPARENTLY PRODUCED DEGREE OF FLEXIBILITY AND ADDERLEY EXPRESSED INTENTION OF SEEKING FURTHER ADVICE AND COUNSEL FROM BAHAMIAN CHARGE HEPBURN IN NEW YORK AS TO HOW VOTE ON HOSTILE RESOLUTION MIGHT GO AND WHO WILL BE VOTING FOR, AGAINST, OR ABSTAINING. HEPBURN REPEATED ADDERLEY'S CONCERN THAT GCOB NOT BE CAUGHT VOTING AGAINST THE RESOLUTION IF THERE IS A POSSIBILITY OF A LANDSLIDE VOTE IN ITS FAVOR.

3. OTHER QUESTIONS RAISED BY ADDERLEY IN SHORT MEETING WITH HAHM INCLUDED FOLLOWING:

A. WAS IT POSSIBLE THAT HOSTILE RES WOULD NEVER COME TO VOTE?

IF FRIENDLY RES PASSES, WOULD IT NOT BE POSSIBLE TO DEVISE A PROCEDURAL RES STATING IN EFFECT THAT HOSTILE RES NEED NOT BE TABLED? (HAHM EXPLAINED LAST YEAR'S SCENARIO AND HOW SIMILAR EFFORT HAD FAILED.)

B. WHAT WOULD BE EFFECT OF PASSAGE OF BOTH FRIENDLY AND HOSTILE RESOLUTIONS? WOULD THEY NOT EFFECTIVELY CANCEL EACH OTHER OUT THUS LEAVING SITUATION AS IS? (HAHM EXPLAINED THE CONSEQUENCES OF SUCH A SITUATION STRESSING HOW, IN HIS OPINION, IT WOULD LEAD TO THE UNRAVELLING OF THE ENTIRE FABRIC OF PEACE IN THE PENINSULA.

C. HOW WOULD CERTAIN OTHER STATES VOTE ON HOSTILE RES? SPECIFICALLY, NEW AFRICAN STATES SUCH AS CAPE VERDES, GUINEA BISSAU, PRINCIPE AND SAO TOME.

4. HAHM STATED THAT IT WAS HIS IMPRESSION THAT ADDERLEY WAS MOST INFLUENCED BY THE "HUMANITARIAN APPEAL" OF HIS ARGUMENT I.E. THAT THIS ISSUE INVOLVES WAR AND PEACE IN KOREA, THAT HUMAN LIVES ARE THUS AT STAKE, THAT SHOULD WAR BREAK OUT CERTAINLY THE GCOB WITHIN THE UN WOULD SUPPORT AN ARMISTICE AGREEMENT AND THEREFORE WHAT PURPOSE WOULD BE SERVED BY DESTROYING AN ARMISTICE AGREEMENT WHICH WAS ALREADY IN EFFECT? HAHM ALSO CONVINCED THAT MAIN TARGET FOR EFFORT IS NOW HEPBURN WHO, IN HIS OPINION, IS RESPECTED AND TRUSTED BY ADDERLEY AND WHOSE RECOMMENDATIONS WILL BE CRUCIAL. EMBASSY AGREES THAT IT IS MOST IMPORTANT TO ATTEMPT TO GET THROUGH TO HEPBURN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. IN THIS REGARD, EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT OUR VIEWS MIGHT BE BETTER RECEIVED WERE THEY TO BE CONVEYED PRIMARILY THROUGH THIRD PARTIES WITH U.S. FOLLOW-UP RATHER THAN VICE-CONFIDENTIAL

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